

I am increasingly concerned about media consolidation and unfair media influence in politics. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of both.

All broadcasters use the public airwaves free of charge, and therefore are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we not only lose coverage of local issues, we also get undue influence by wealthy media owners who wish to promote their own political agenda. The FCC is our only watchdog to be sure this doesn't happen. We are counting on you to protect the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair needs to be told by the FCC to honor their charter, and if they won't, their charter needs to be taken away from them.

Thank you.